

## Finance Committee Minutes – 3/16/2016

The meeting began at 9:00 AM. Finance Committee (FC) members in attendance were Jim Consolati, Don Puntin and Tonio Palmer. Jim Consolati prepared the minutes for this meeting.

### Broadband Engineering and Planning

Four copies of strand mapping and fiber design for the town have been printed. Copies will be distributed to appropriate town and state officials and one copy will remain at Town Hall for public viewing. The FC will reach out to MBI for assistance with next steps, which are to solicit proposals from private entities that are interested in a private/public partnership with Tyringham and to draft the terms of a contract, under which the private entity would operate the Tyringham network. The FC will also check on the status of the town's request for a \$5,000 planning grant.

### Budget for 2016 Annual Town Meeting (ATM)

The Finance Committee reviewed all budget requests received to date and completed a draft for Annual Town Meeting. The FC will meet with the Select Board on 3/22 to discuss the proposed budget. Topics of special interest will be:

1. Highway Department, including needed repairs to town bridges;
2. Town Grounds and Buildings, including needed repairs to Town Hall, Library and School House;
3. Compensation and benefits for town employees and elected officials; and
4. Broadband.

For its next meeting, the FC plans to continue work on the proposed budget for the fiscal year 7/1/16 to 6/30/17 and to set final dates for pre-ATM informational meetings.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:45 AM.